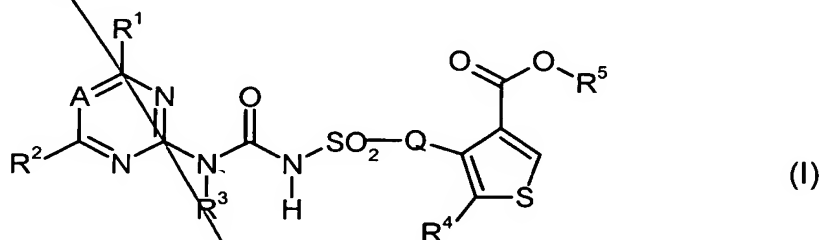


IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows. Please cancel Claim 8 and amend Claims 1-7 and 9 as indicated below. A marked up copy of the claims to show changes is attached to this Preliminary Amendment.

1. (Once Amended) A compound selected from the group consisting of
a compound of the Formula (I)



wherein

- A represents nitrogen or a CH grouping,
- Q represents a single bond or represents NH,
- R¹ represents hydrogen, halogen or in each case optionally substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylamino, dialkylamino, aryloxy or heterocycl-
oxy,
- R² represents hydrogen, halogen or in each case optionally substituted
alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylamino, dialkylamino, aryloxy or heterocycl-
oxy,
- R³ represents hydrogen or optionally substituted alkyl,

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R⁴ represents halogen or optionally substituted alkyl and – if Q represents NH - also represents hydrogen, and

R⁵ represents hydrogen or in each case optionally substituted alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl or heterocyclyl,

and a salt of the compound of the Formula (I).

2. (Once Amended) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein

R¹ represents hydrogen, represents halogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylamino or dialkylamino having in each case 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkyl- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted phenoxy, oxetanyloxy, furyloxy or tetrahydrofuryloxy,

R² represents hydrogen, represents halogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted alkyl, alkoxy, alkylthio, alkylamino or dialkylamino having in each case 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl groups, or represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkyl- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted phenoxy, oxetanyloxy, furyloxy or tetrahydrofuryloxy,

R³ represents hydrogen or represents optionally C₁-C₄-alkoxy-, C₁-C₄-alkyl-carbonyl- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-carbonyl-substituted alkyl having 1 to 4 carbon atoms,

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R⁴ represents optionally cyano-, halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted alkyl having 1 to 6 carbon atoms and – if Q represents NH – also represents hydrogen, and

R⁵ represents hydrogen, represents optionally cyano-, halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted alkyl having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, represents in each case optionally halogen-substituted alkenyl or alkynyl having in each case 2 to 6 carbon atoms, represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen- or C₁-C₄-alkyl-substituted cycloalkyl or cycloalkylalkyl having in each case 3 to 6 carbon atoms in the cycloalkyl groups and optionally 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl moiety, or represents in each case optionally cyano-, halogen-, C₁-C₄-alkyl- or C₁-C₄-alkoxy-substituted oxetanyl, furyl or tetrahydrofuryl.

3. (Once Amended) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein

R¹ represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, iodine, or represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, dimethylamino or diethylamino,

R² represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, or represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, methoxy, ethoxy, n- or i-propoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, n- or i-propylthio, methylamino, ethylamino, n- or i-propylamino, dimethylamino or diethylamino,

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- R³** represents hydrogen or represents in each case optionally methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-, acetyl-, propionyl-, n- or i-butyryl-, methoxycarbonyl-, ethoxycarbonyl-, n- or i-propoxycarbonyl-substituted methyl or ethyl,
- R⁴** represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, and
- R⁵** represents hydrogen, represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy-, ethoxy-, n- or i-propoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, n-, i-, s- or t-butyl, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine- or bromine-substituted propenyl, butenyl, propinyl or butinyl, or represents in each case optionally cyano-, fluorine-, chlorine-, bromine-, methyl-, ethyl-, n- or i-propyl-substituted cyclopropyl, cyclobutyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, cyclopropylmethyl, cyclobutylmethyl, cyclopentylmethyl or cyclohexylmethyl.

4. (Once Amended) The compound according to Claim 1, wherein

- R¹ represents hydrogen, fluorine, chlorine, bromine, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, methylamino, ethylamino, or represents dimethylamino,
- R² represents fluorine, chlorine, bromine, represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, methoxy, ethoxy, methylthio, ethylthio, methylamino or ethylamino, or represents dimethylamino,
- R³ represents hydrogen or methyl,

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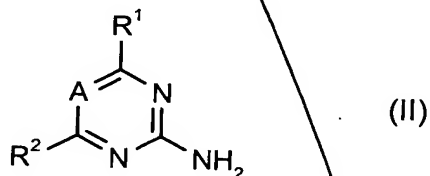
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R⁴ represents in each case optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, and

R⁵ represents in each case optionally fluorine-, chlorine-, methoxy- or ethoxy-substituted methyl, ethyl, n- or i-propyl, or represents in each case optionally fluorine- or chlorine-substituted propenyl or propinyl.

5. (Once Amended) The compound of Claim 1, wherein said compound is a salt of said compound of the Formula I and said salt is selected from the group consisting of a sodium, potassium, magnesium, calcium, ammonium, C₁-C₄-alkyl-ammonium, di-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-ammonium, tri-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-ammonium, tetra-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-ammonium, tri-(C₁-C₄-alkyl)-sulphonium, C₅- or C₆-cycloalkyl-ammonium and di-(C₁-C₂-alkyl)-benzyl-ammonium salt of said compound according to cClaim 1. .
6. (Once Amended) A process for preparing a compound according to Claim 1, selected from the group consisting of processes (a), (b), (c) and (d), wherein

(a) said process (a) comprises the step of reacting an aminoazine of the Formula (II)



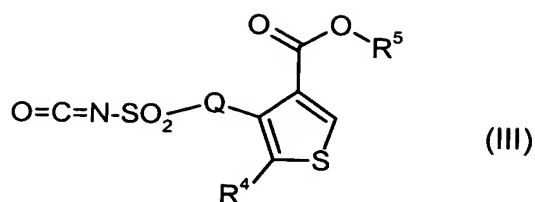
wherein

A, R¹ and R² are each as defined in Claim 1

with a thienyl(amino)sulphonyl isocyanate of the Formula (III)

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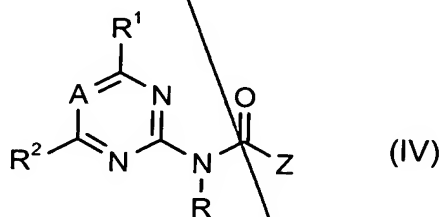


wherein

Q , R^4 and R^5 are each as defined in Claim 1 ,

optionally in the presence of a reaction auxiliary and optionally in the presence of a diluent,

(b) said process (b) comprises the step of reacting a substituted aminoazine of the Formula (IV)



wherein

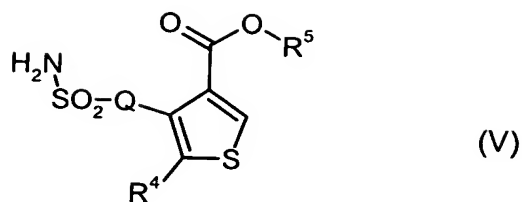
A , R^1 and R^2 are each as defined in Claim 1 ,

Z represents halogen, alkoxy or aryloxy and

R has the meaning given for R^3 in Claim 1 or represents the grouping -
 $\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{Z}$,

with a thiophene derivative of the Formula (V)

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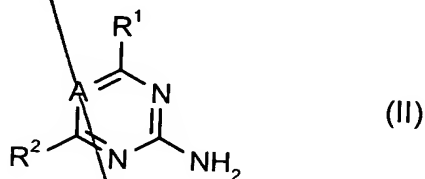
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wherein

Q, R⁴ and R⁵ are each as defined in Claim 1 to 4,

optionally in the presence of a reaction auxiliary and optionally in the presence of a diluent,

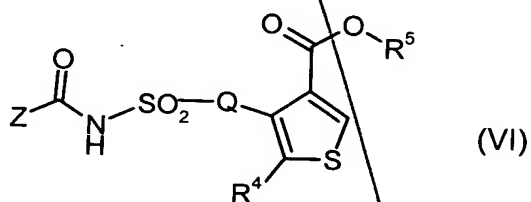
(c) said process (c) comprises the step of reacting an aminoazine of the Formula (II)



wherein

A, R¹ and R² are each as defined in Claim 1 ,

with a thiophene derivative of the Formula (VI)



wherein

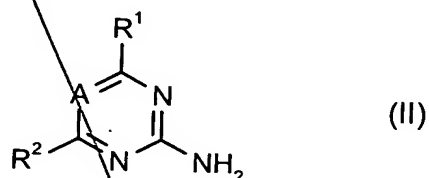
Q, R⁴ and R⁵ are each as defined in Claim 1 and

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Z represents halogen, alkoxy or aryloxy,

optionally in the presence of a reaction auxiliary and optionally in the presence of a diluent,

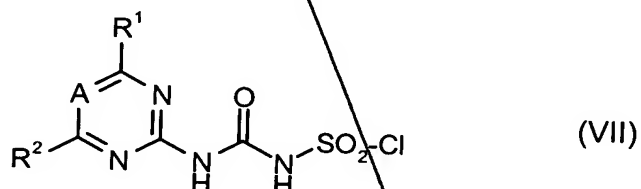
(d) said process (d) comprises the steps of reacting an aminoazine of the Formula (II)



wherein

A, R¹ and R² are each as defined in Claim 1 ,

with a chlorosulphonyl isocyanate, optionally in the presence of a diluent, and reacting a resulting chlorosulphonylaminocarbonylamino-azine of the Formula (VII)



wherein

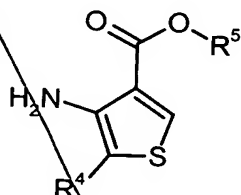
A, R¹ and R² are each as defined in Claim 1

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wherein said chlorosulphonylaminocarbonylamino-azine is reacted either after intermediate isolation or "in situ"

with a substituted aminothiophene of the Formula (VIII)



(VIII)

wherein

R⁴ and R⁵ are each as defined in Claim 1 ,

optionally in the presence of a reaction auxiliary and optionally in the presence of a diluent,

each of said processes (a), (b), (c) or (d) respectively, optionally further comprising the step of converting the compound obtained by each of said respective process into a salt.

7. (Once Amended) A method for controlling undesirable vegetation, comprising the step of allowing one or more compounds according to Claim 1 to act on a member selected from the group consisting of one or more undesirable plants, a habitat of said undesirable plants, and combinations thereof.

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9. (Once Amended) An herbicidal composition, comprising a compound according to Claim 1 and a member selected from the group consisting of one or more extenders, one or more surfactants and combinations thereof.